

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, JA, ES  
SUBJ: PRISONER HELD IN MATSUMOTO CASE DENIES EXTRA-JUDICIAL  
STATEMENT

REF SAN SALVADOR 4138

1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT AUGUSTO ANTONIO CARRANZA PARADA, IN HIS FORMAL APPEARANCE BEFORE JUDGES OF COURT WITH JURISDICTION OVER HIS CASE, DENIED THE VALIDITY OF HIS EXTRA-JUDICIAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE MATSUMOTO CASE (SEE REFTEL) SAYING THAT HE HAD BEEN "PSYCHOLOGICALLY ABUSED" (BUT NOT PHYSICALLY MISTREATED) BY THE NATIONAL GUARD DURING HIS INTERROGATION. HE DENIED EVER HAVING BELONGED TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE (FARN). NEVERTHELESS, ON AUGUST 12, THE COURT ISSUED AN ORDER PLACING CARRANZA UNDER FORMAL DETENTION.

2. CARRANZA, WHO WAS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED ON AUG 7  
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IN DEPARTMENT OF USULATAN, REPORTEDLY CONFESSED IN HIS EXTRA-JUDICIAL STATEMENT THAT HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL KIDNAPPINGS, INCLUDING DEC 1977 KIDNAPPING OF VICTOR SAFIE (77 SAN SALVADOR 5898). NEWSPAPERS ON MONDAY, AUG 14 HAD EXTENSIVE INFORMATION, INCLUDING PHOTOS, REPORTEDLY ACQUIRED BY SECURITY FORCES FROM CARRANZA CONCERNING THE LEADERS OF FARN AND THEIR

BACKGROUNDS.

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